

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to the figure, by means of the data bus, the condition of a switch 1, which is connected to a control unit 2, is to be reported to another control unit 3 [[4]]. The control units 2 and 3, as well as another control unit 4, are connected to a communication bus 6, and likewise a gateway 5. By way of the gateway 5, each control unit 2, 3, 4 can be addressed by way of a diagnostic tester 8.